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Sir:

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Copies of documents **FP1** and **NPL1** to **NPL38** are submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications, documents **US1** to **US16**, cited on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08A are not submitted.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, which are directed to related technical subject matter:

U.S. Application No. 10/658,688, inventor Hermanson, G.G., filed September 10, 2003, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2007/0105799 A1 and listed as document **US16**;

U.S. Application No. 10/843,656, inventors Vilalta *et al.*, filed May 12, 2004, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2007/0105193 A1 and listed as document **US15**;

U.S. Application No. 10/965,238, inventors Hobart *et al.*, filed October 15, 2004, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2005/0065107 A1 and listed as document **US12**;

U.S. Application No. 11/131,479, inventors Luke *et al.*, filed May 18, 2005, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2006/0024670 A1 and listed as document **US13**;

U.S. Application No. 11/292,280, inventor Geall, A., filed December 2, 2005, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2006/0134221 A1 and listed as document **US14**;

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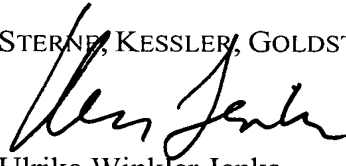
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